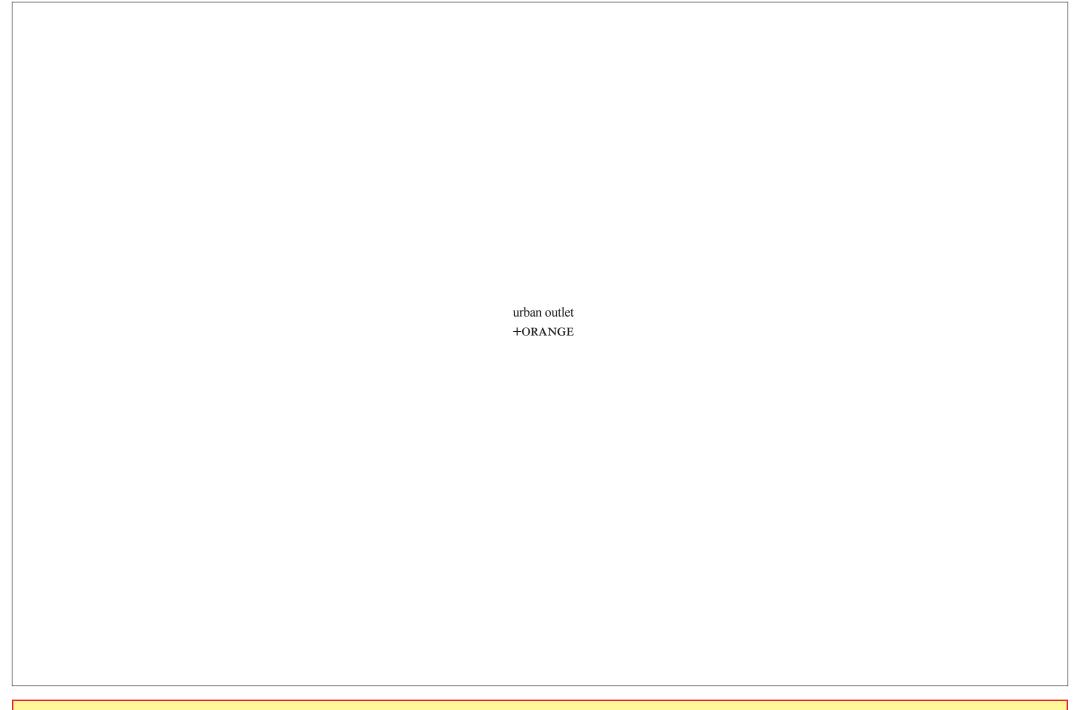
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WEATHER FORECAST

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Western North Pacific between Equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A monsoon trough extends from 6N130E through a tropical disturbance near 8N145E and finally to near 5N160E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms associated with the disturbance are found in the Mariana islands as well as between Yap and Chuuk or between 4N and 16N from 139E to 153E. Just east of the monsoon trough, a surface trough of low pressure continues to near the equator at 168E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are developing north and east of the trough or within 100 miles either side of a line from 9N160E to the equator at 173E, including Kosrae. Trade-wind convergence is producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms across portions of the Marshall islands, between 4N and 16N from 170E to 180.



SAIPAN AND TINIAN

Cloudy and breezy with scattered showers, some locally heavy, and a slight chance of thunderstorms.

Winds: East at 20-25 mph. Gusting in 35 mph in showers. **Temperature:** Lows near 78. Highs near 86.



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Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Winds: Northeast at 10 kt.



POHNPEI

Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. Winds: East at 10 kt.



YAP AND ULITHI Partly cloudy with

isolated showers. Winds: Northeast at 10 kt.



KOSRAE

Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Winds: Southeast at 10 kt.



CHUUK

Mostly cloudy with scattered showers with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Winds: Northeast at 10-15 kt.



MAJURO

Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms. Winds: East at 10-15 kt.

	CITY	FORECAST	HIGH	LOW
2	Auckland	Cloudy	61F (16C)	49F (9C)
*	Beijing	Sunny	44F (7C)	26F (-3C)
	Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	74F (23C)	61F (16C)
	Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	86F (30C)	72F (22C)
2	London, England	Cloudy	56F (13C)	45F (7C)
	Los Angeles	Cloudy	69F (21C)	51F (11C)
2	Manila	Cloudy	88F (31C)	71F (22C)
*	Melbourne	Sunny	73F (23C)	54F (12C)
	Miami	Partly Cloudy	84F (29C)	75F (24C)
2	New York, NY	Cloudy	52F (11C)	48F (9C)
1	Osaka	Rain	54F (12C)	46F (8C)
2	Paris	Cloudy	53F (12C)	41F (5C)
1	Pusan	Rain	58F (14C)	43F (6C)
	Rome	Partly Cloudy	55F (13C)	39F (4C)
1	Salem, Oregon	Rain	54F (12C)	38F (3C)
*	San Francisco	Sunny	64F (18C)	47F (5C)
1	Seoul	Rain	52F (11C)	45F (7C)
1	Tokyo	Rain	55F (13C)	49F (9C)
	Washington, DC	Cloudy	60F (16C)	48F (9C)

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Our World At War

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Island Snapshots



Gov. Juan N. Babauta receives a check worth \$25,000 from Joseph Hartman, president of SotfSky, which is the company that mints commemorative coins that uses the CNMI's names and seal. The check payment represents royalties made



from the sale of the coins.



CASSIE DLG FEJERAN

High Priest Kansho Kayaki leads SANPOEN cultural exchange students and Mayor Juan B.

Tudela in prayer prior to releasing the lanterns

unto the water.

TRIBUTED PHOTO Patrick Guerrero of the CNMI Water Task Forces stresses a point. CO

Members of the Youth Center of Music and the Performing Arts busy themselves cleaning cars, including these two police squad vehicles during Shell's "Suds for Funds" event held last July 24 at the Shell Puerto Rico station. The kids raised over \$400 to be used for YCMPA's various activities.



David Hodges of the CNMI Division of Environmental Quality uses a projector to point out Federal and CNM regulations.

A member of the International Students Association of Japan Cultural Exchange Program tries out the Lt. Gov. Diego T. Benavente's chair at the Governor's Office Tuesday.



The CNMI canoe crew make landfall in Palau where they will participate in the Festival of Pacific Arts and Culture.

Four of the eight Liberation Queens-Lady Myla Grace Capilitan, Lady Sheyvonne Judy Aldan, Leiana K. Ogumoro, and Lady Sarah T. Igisaiartake a minute to smile for the camera just before their dance performance during Street Market Thursday night.

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Good Housekeeping Vaccine 101: Know what shots your pet needs, or doesn't

By EMILY MESSNER



With friends and foes of childhood vaccines duking it out in medical journal pages, pet owners may start to wonder: Is the

rabies shot safe for my tabby? Does my puppy really need inoculation against lyme disease? Does my ferret? Gerbil? Fact is, though vaccination carries a small risk of adverse reaction, it's recommended—and some shots are legally required—for many pets. Here's how to get the protection they'll need while minimizing the hazards.

1: Get the rabies shot.

This one is really not up to you: Proof of rabies vaccination is generally a must to get a dog or cat license. Penalties for not complying can be hefty. The shot usually runs just \$15 to \$25, and discounted options are plentiful; check with your local animal shelter for details. Vets usually allow you to choose whether you want your pet to receive the one- or three-year vaccine, so check your local laws—if they require a vaccination every year, it wouldn't make sense to get your pup the longer-lasting one. Most important:

Keep those records! If Fido bites someone and you have no proof that his rabies shot is up-to-date, he could be looking at a death sentence.

2: And distemper, too.

The law doesn't speak quite so loudly about this vaccine, but it's strongly recommended for dogs and cats-and ferrets. The last, says David Crum, associate veterinarian at Stahl Exotic Animal Veterinary Services in Vienna, need their own specifically formulated shot because canine distemper is "100 percent fatal" for them. Cats and dogs get what's actually a cocktail of vaccines, each important for the prevention of one horrible illness or another-including Parvo, a highly contagious, potentially deadly disease for which treatment can run into the thousands of dollars. A distemper shot costs about the same as a rabies shot—roughly \$15 to \$25 when administered by your vet. Low-cost clinics don't always offer distemper vaccines, so be sure to ask before you go.

3: Know what else is necessary—or not.

An indoor cat probably doesn't need the feline leukemia vaccine, and a dog that lives in the city probably won't confront lyme disease. To make sure you're getting your pet only the appropriate shots, discuss lifestyle

in detail with your vet. Keep future plans in mind: If you're thinking of boarding your dog, the Bordetella vaccine, administered nasally, will protect him from kennel cough. As for small rodents and reptiles, Crum says they don't need vaccines at all.

4: Watch for adverse reactions.

Recent research indicates that a tiny percentage of cats may develop tumors at injection sites--a condition called post-vaccination sarcoma--so feel around the area monthly to check for lumps. Other canine and feline allergic reactions may include fever, vomiting, pale gums, hives or diarrhea, usually less than 30 minutes after the vaccination, according to Karen Michaelsen, manager of the Capitol Hill Veterinary Clinic in Washington. Ferrets are especially prone: Get their rabies shot at least a week before the distemper one. That way, if there's a reaction, your vet will know which vaccine caused it.

5: Opt out if you have to.

In extraordinary circumstances—if your pet has a dangerously weakened immune system because of cancer or another illness, for example—your vet may be able to get her exempt from vaccines by requesting in writing that the local government accept a titer (a blood test that measures immunity) instead.

Cooking with Chef Singh



Local Pickled Papaya

Recipe for 4 lbs pickled

4 lbs local green papayas, peeled, seeded and julienne

1 cup fresh ginger, julienne

10 pcs local red chili pepper, seeded, julienne

-cup garlic cloves, crushed

-cup allspice berries

-cup coriander seeds

-cup peppercorns
1 Scotch bonnet, whole

1/2 gallon white wine vinegar

3 cups sugar

Salt to taste

Mix papaya, ginger, peppers, and garlic in two sterilized pickling jars. Bring all other ingredients to a boil in a saucepan. Reduce to a simmer for five minutes then pour over vegetables in jar. Seal and let it preserve for a week before use.

Lemon/Lime Pickle

Recipe for one lb pickled

1 lbs local Lime or lemons, washed, deseeded, and wedges

-cup mustard seeds whole

-cup mustard oil or extra virgin olive oil

A small handful curry leaves, optional

1 cup black lentils (urad dhal) dehydrated

4 teaspoon chili powder

-gallon white wine vinegar

Salt and black pepper (whole) to taste -cup pickling spices

Fry the mustard seeds in the hot oil. As they begin to pop, add the curry leaves and lentils (urad dhal). Lower the heat and add the chili powder; cook until brown, then add the vinegar. Stir in the lemon; remove from the heat and leave to cool. Can be stored in the refrigerator for a week.

Chef's Cooking Tips: How to prevent hot pepper burn? If you consume food with too much hot pepper and your mouth is on fire, don't go for water. It can actually make things worse. Dairy products (milk, ice cream or yogurt) can provide a quick fix. Crewing bread can also help in a pinch.

Roof repair isn't flashy-or is it?

By SAMANTHA MAZZOTTA

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[Part 2 of 2 Parts]

Last week, we talked about doing a general inspection of your roof and performing simple shingle repair and maintenance. This week, we'll talk about a maintenance issue not every homeowner is familiar with: flashing.

Flashing, contrary to what it may sound like, plays an important role in maintaining the integrity of your home's roof. These thin strips of metal protect the joints and seams in a roof—such as those around a chimney or air vent—and direct water downward and off of the roof, rather than into your living room.

But however unnoticed flashing is, it still takes a beating from the elements, just like any other roofing component, and must be checked periodically for damage.

Three types of flashing can be found atop the modern home: valley flashing, which seals joints between roof gables; vent flashing, a one-piece component that slips over and around the vent pipe; and step flashing, metal bent at 90 degrees (or so)

to seal the joints around non-uniform components like chimneys.

Repairs to each type are somewhat unique: Valley flashing is nearly always patched, while vent flashing is completely replaced. Step flashing is replaced in sections. In each case, however, the shingles around and over the flashing must be carefully lifted up and fastened back in place as they originally were to ensure a good seal. We'll only cover valley flashing today.

Note: Always use the same type of metal when patching valley flashing, as dissimilar metals could corrode. If replacing step flashing that sits up against a masonry object, never use aluminum, as lime from the mortar can corrode it (use copper or galvanized steel instead).

Now to repairs: You'll need a pair of heavy gloves to protect your hands, and aviation snips to cut the metal. You'll also need a tape measure, wire brush, trowel and pry bar, utility knife, replacement flashing, roofing cement and roofing nails. You may also need replacement shingles, so carry a few extra.

The most common damage to valley flashing is small holes or corrosion caused by water or ice dams forming

behind debris (see why you need to clean your roof annually?). To create a patch, measure the damaged area and mark an outline on the metal patch. Increase the outline by several inches on either side so that the patch will slip underneath the shingles on each side. Cut out the patch, creating a point at one end. Clean the damaged area with a wire brush and, with the utility knife, cut a horizontal slit at the top of the area to be patched.

Apply roofing cement to the backside of the patch and slip the new metal into place, inserting the tapered end of the metal into the horizontal slit and slipping the edges underneath the shingles. Press firmly to seal, then add roofing cement to the edges of the patch. Trowel smooth so water will flow easily over it.

HOME TIP: Always use the same metal to patch existing flashing; if dissimilar metals are used, corrosion can occur.

Send questions or home repair tips to homeguru2000@hotmail.com, or write This Is a Hammer, c/o King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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The Good Life

Travelers have the urge to splurge

By JANE ENGLE LOS ANGELES TIMES

From Madrid to Mauritius, well-to-do Americans this year are spreading their wealth around the world in rising numbers, rubbing elbows at the Ritz and jetting to Japan. Note to CEOs: Make your Swiss resort reservation soon.

Like their less-blessed compatriots, these vacationers are emboldened by an improving economy and a defiant determination to travel despite terrorism, air-security hassles and other impediments. Simply put: They need to get out. But the rich are getting out far more than the rest of us. The evidence is as abundant as Botox jobs in Beverly Hills:

The industry's Cruise Lines International Association reported 9 percent growth in the first quarter of 2004 from the same period last year. But at high-end Crystal Cruises, whose cabins typically command about \$400 per person per day—more than twice the fare for many mass-market cruises—bookings have ballooned nearly five times as fast, said spokeswoman Mimi Weisband.

"Business is terrific," said Pamela Lassers, spokeswoman for the North American branch of Abercrombie & Kent, known for its deluxe soft-adventure trips. European bookings, so far up more than 50 percent from last year, have surpassed those made in early 2001, before the Sept. 11 attacks.

U.S. luxury hotels, through May, enjoyed bigger gains in occupancies and room rates than any other lodging category, according to Smith Travel Research. The average nightly rate, according to Smith: nearly \$232.

Conde Nast Traveler magazine, catering to readers with median household incomes of nearly \$100,000, is



Bathers swim and sunbathe at a popular Beirut resort, in Lebanon, Aug. 6,2004.

having its best year ever. It has logged 931 advertising pages through its August issue, six ahead of 2000, its former record year, said spokesman Jon Paul Buchmeyer.

Conde Nast also did well in 2003, when most of the U.S. travel industry ran aground on a rocky economy and Iraq war jitters. A coterie of cremede-la-creme vacationers, experts said, never really stopped jet-setting, come war, dropping Dow or terrorist trauma.

"The wealthy are always going to travel," said Adrienne Forst, director of leisure sales at Protravel International in Beverly Hills, Calif., whose clients include Hollywood honchos. "If there's a problem in one country, they'll go to another country."

Several factors are swelling the ranks of top-end tourists: baby boomers hitting their peak earning years, longer life spans and pent-up demand by Americans of relatively modest means who put off ambitious trips after the terrorist attacks.

'There are many people entering the luxury market for the first time," said Steve Loucks, spokesman for Carlson Wagonlit Travel Associates, a nationwide network of travel agencies. "This is the year of the splurge."

In surveys, Carlson Wagonlit agents said their sales of high-end tours through May were up nearly 70 percent from the same period last year—twice

the gain for mass-market tours. Luxury cruise sales posted similar gains.

Diana Meinhold, vice president of travel products and services for the Automobile Club of Southern California, estimated that one in five people who booked luxury trips with AAA Travel in the last few months were first-timers. Their attitude, she said, was, "Let's go, and let's treat ourselves really well."

Carl M. Agliozzo, a retired surgical pathologist in La Quinta, Calif., who owns pleasure boats and travels often, took his first around-the-world cruise this year, spending more than \$50,000 for a berth with Holland America. Undeterred by a health history that includes two open-heart surgeries and

four heart attacks, he said, "At age 73, I'm doing things that I thought of for years and haven't done."

Among the high-end trends:

□ Family trips. When I spoke with Protravel's Forst, she had just arranged to send three generations on a private two-week safari in South Africa. Total cost: about \$70,000, excluding airfare. "There's a huge boom in family travel," said Conde Nast's Buchmeyer.

Private villas: For the vacationing family or other group, these can offer privacy, flexibility and five-star services without five-star stuffiness.

Abercrombie & Kent's Concierge Villas, renting for about \$2,000 to \$47,600 a week, come with maid service and a concierge to book tee times and other luxuries. They've proved so popular that A&K has quadrupled its inventory, from 10 villas to 40, in the past year and will add more in 2005, Lassers said.

□ Far-flung spots. Costa Rica, Europe, Russia, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand are making it onto many top-dollar itineraries this year. But to really impress your friends, go to Mauritius.

Never heard of it? That's the point.

"With these affluent travelers, it's a constant drive for the new and the exotic," Buchmeyer said.

Mauritius, featured in the magazine's August issue, affords its visitors bragging rights at cocktail parties back home, he explained. In the Indian Ocean 450 miles east of Madagascar, the island nation is expensive to get to and has great luxury resorts and food and an eclectic culture.

 Excursions: On high-end cruises, these help travelers who are pressed for time—but not, evidently, for money—pack more into shorter vacations, another trend.

By NATASHA LESSER

SPECIAL TO THE BALTIMORE SUN

It used to be that people just drank coffee. Then came the designer models—espressos, cappuccinos and lattes. And now, seemingly every coffee shop is selling cool, creamy blends of coffee, sugar, milk and ice—a kind of supercaffeinated milkshake-or "frozen blended coffee beverages," as they're known in the trade.

Starbucks has the Frappuccino, Dunkin' Donuts has the Coolatta, Panera Bread has the I.C. Mocha and XandO has the Arctic Chiller. This summer, Dairy Queen and Krispy Kreme entered the fray with their own versions.

"They've really taken off," said Joseph DeRupo, a spokesman for the National Coffee Association. In 2003, almost a third of adult consumers drank cold coffee beverages, according to the association's report on coffee trends. That's up 45 percent from the previous year. While the category also includes iced coffee, DeRupo said that blended drinks make up most of the growth.

The appeal of these potions is obvious, especially on a hot August day. "They're cold and sweet, but not too sweet. And

it has the coffee taste," said Carolina De Los Rios, drinking a Frappuccino one recent warm day at the Starbucks in Towson, Md. "I already had a regular coffee today. This is my snack."

Because of this dessert-like quality, the drinks are popular with people who don't normally drink coffee, said Michelle Gass, senior vice president of category management for Starbucks. "They're meant to be an involved, intensive treat," Gass said.

In its most basic form, the drink is a mix of coffee, milk (or half-andhalf), sugar and ice, blended into a thick shake. Many versions consist of a proprietary blend of coffee extract, sweetener and some form of dairy or nondairy creamer. Some include additional flavors such as mocha, vanilla and caramel. More deluxe forms have chocolate chips or Oreo cookies.

Starbucks and Dunkin' Donuts introduced the beverages almost a decade ago, and they have become increasingly elaborate. In 1998, Starbucks came out with its tea-based Frappuccinos; and in 2002, it came out with a coffeefree version, the Frappuccino Blended Creme. And just this summer, the company came out with the Frappuccino

Light, lower calorie version using reduced-fat milk and Splenda, a sugar substitute. Starbucks usu-

on its menu at any one time. The company regularly introduces new flavors, often linked to the season, and phases out

Other places offer almost as many

variations-standard coffee, mocha, vanilla, caramel, chocolate chip, Oreo cookie, tea blends and fruit combinations. Rachel Gross, 34, loves the new Coffee Frappuccino Light, ally has about which 10 to 12 varieties has 150 calot h e ries

> 16-ounce version. "I was depriving myself of them for so long because of the calories," said Gross.

Most of the drinks do pack a caloric

wallop. A 16-ounce Caramel Frappuccino with whipped cream has 430 calories, and a 16-ounce Strawberries & Creme Frappuccino with whipped cream has 600 calories—and 17 grams of fat. Compare those to a 16-ounce cup of coffee, black, which has only 10 calories.

"I suspect that very few people know how many calories these drinks have," said Dr. Lawrence Cheskin, director of the Johns Hopkins Weight Management Center. He said that the 510 calorie Starbucks Java Chip Frappuccino contains a quarter of an adult woman's recommended daily caloric intake, with very little nutritional value. And even if blended coffee fans are drinking the new light version, said Cheskin, "They may be trading good calories for empty calories."

Some of the drinks have another little secret: Some include partially hydrogenated oil, which contains reviled trans fats that seem to stick like glue to the insides of arteries.

But when you're imbibing that intoxicating, icy mixture, who wants to think about arteries and fat grams? And in any case, most consumers see the drinks as a decadent indulgence rather than an everyday staple. That's what

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Life & Style

MOVIE REVIEW: OPEN WATER

Just eat them already!

When I was 14 years old, my older brother bought a pet python. I've always had an affinity for animals, but when feeding time came for the snake, morbid curiosity overtook me, and I just couldn't wait to see the little feeder mouse get gobbled up. When my brother eased Stuart Little into his glass temple of doom, the snake just sat there. Nothing. I couldn't help but feel empathy for the furry little dinner guest, because he was obviously far from his comfort zone, but he was either oblivious to his impending demise, a tad suicidal, or maybe just had incredibly large cojones. He walked right up to the snake, perched himself in front of the python's mouth, and just sat their. To which, the snake did nothing. This drove me nuts. Just eat the stupid mouse, you stupid snake! That's pretty much how I felt watching Open Water.

In Open Water, husband/wife team Chris Kentis (writer/ director) and Laura Lau (writer/ producer) make a bold effort to reproduce the thrills of Jaws, without the abundant resources afforded the production of Spielberg's classic shark tale. Independently produced, with a budget of less than \$150,000, Open Water was shot on cheap digital video, with no special effects, no stunt actors, no studio, and no crew. Kentis and Lau manned the cameras, leading actors Blanchard Ryan and Daniel Travis did their own makeup and wardrobes, lighting was done by Mother Nature, and the scant thrills were provided by real live, wild sharks. Bearing all that in mind, it's to Kentis and Lau's credit that the movie is at least halfway entertaining. By the time the credits finally roll, though, one thing is for certain—Chris Kentis is no Steven Spielberg.

Open Water is supposedly based on a true story. It must be very loosely based on reality, however, because there are a couple reasons that make it impossible for any of the movie to be more than a figment of the screenwriters' imagination. While on vacation, husband and wife Susan and Daniel are left behind by their scuba guides, stranded in the middle of the shark-infested ocean. While they wait for their rescue to arrive, they crack jokes, fend off jelly fish (ooh, how scary), play parlor games (seven degrees of separation to Kevin Bacon), pee their pants, bicker, drink salt water and hurl chunks, affirm their love for each other, pretend they're not scared of sharks, and pee their pants again. Letting the current carry them where it

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

New 'Jaws' game lets you play as shark

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A product manager at Majesco who new video game will show that it's easier to be a bad shark than a good shark. Majesco Games is working on a playable version of the movie "Jaws," with the gamer controlling a predatory Great White as it cruises the ocean waters.

The game is in the early stages of development, with a release planned for summer 2005.

To stay alive the shark must feed, and the game provides a smorgasbord of human appetizers: fishermen, waterpolluting oil riggers and your average swimmer in the surf.

"If you just swim around forever you're going to get hungry. If you don't keep feeding that frenzy, that's how you die in the game," said Liz Buckley, a

may, they drift along, constantly fretting about whether they are to become human sashimi. Eventually, I grew so bored with their witless banter that I kind of hoped the sharks would just get the darn thing over with.

is working on the "Jaws" title. "I don't know if you're going to have these moral choices, 'Do I want to eat this person or this person?'You have to keep eating.'

But there will also be an array of natural sea creatures to satisfy the shark's hunger. You can choose to be good by eating seals, fish and other natural food sources.

"Everything you see on the Discovery Channel we're bringing into this product," Buckley said.

Or you can devour peaceful divers and beach lovers as they wade in the water or leap into the air to snatch poachers off of piers. Leaving the humans alone will make it hard to survive.

The story will be free-roam-

to compose a picture, no composer to write music, no assistants to fetch club sandwiches with the crusts cut off, no anybody to do anything, Kentis and Lau are left to do everything on their own, and the end result



Blanchard Ryan and Daniel Travis in a scene in Lions Gate's "Open

Hollywood has everything to do with money, and nothing to do with art. If you just want to be entertained for a couple hours, though, Open Water proves that there's something to be said for the power of money. Every job in a film production is important, even for something as seemingly tedious as camera work. With no cinematographer

Cynics like to complain that feels like a student film. That would be fine if I was at home, watching it on pirated cable, but not when I have to forfeit my entire paycheck to get a lousy stinking bag of popcorn.

> The acting in Open Water isn't half bad. The leading actors happen to be a married couple in real life, and their love for each other spills out onto the screen. Every moment they

ing for the player and will unfold around the same beach locations as Steven Spielberg's 1975 movie.

But it won't feature Roy Scheider's police chief or Richard Dreyfuss as the oceanographer. Instead, the main humans in the game will be the children of those characters, Buckley added.

"Jaws" will be available on PlayStation 2, Xbox and PC formats, and the developers are aiming for an M (mature) rating. This won't be a kid's game.

The human characters all have "25 points of disconnection," she said.

What's that mean?

"If there's a diver," Buckley said, "there are 25 different ways you can pull him apart."

spend on screen together, which is pretty much the entire movie, is extremely genuine.

There are a couple of brief moments in the movie that are rather harrowing. Lacking the ability to scare us with visuals, Kentis and Lau use sound effects to grind at our nerves, with excellent results. The short-lived climax, in particular, is not just scary, but emotionally distressful. For a thriller to work, however, it needs to be rich with suspense, and in that department, Open Water is bankrupt. Some people might get their nerves rattled watching Open Water, but these are probably the same people that fear for Steve Irwin's safety watching any episode of Crocodile Hunter.

Open Water is only 79 minutes long. For any other feature-length movie, that would be way too short, but for Open Water, it's toooo loooong. It could've easily been cut to 50 minutes, and aired on network television. Open Water is worth watching, but no need to waste your money on this one - wait till it's on DVD.

Open Water is Rated "R" for nudity. Now playing at Hollywood Theater.

Comments? joewatchesmovies @yahoo.com

Girl's critical commentary is wearing out her welcome

By AVIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY: I have a friend I'll call Cameron. Cameron is a very judgmental person. My mom watches her every summer.

Mom doesn't like the fact that Cameron is always saying how dumb and stupid people look as she sees them pass by. Mom is going to talk to her and tell her to straighten up, or she can't come over next summer. If that happens, I know Cameron will ask me why she can't. What do



I tell her? If I tell her the truth, I'm afraid she'll be mad at me and not want to be my friend anymore. I don't want to lose my friendship with her because she makes me laugh.

WORRIED IN DENVER

DEAR WORRIED: When your mother talks to your friend about her behavior, she'll be doing the girl a favor. If Cameron feels the need to ask you why she's no longer welcome, you should tell her the truth. Her behavior is obnoxious. People who act that way usually do it because they think it makes them look superior. In actuality, it's a tip-off that the person is insecure.

DEAR ABBY: After my separation and divorce, I had a relationship with a man I'll call "Austen." He was in financial trouble and asked me to take out a loan of \$15,000 for him, since I have good credit. He claimed that if he could get himself "straightened out," we could have a brighter future.

After two years of emotional abuse, I finally ended the relationship with Austen. It has been several months, and he is consistently late making the monthly payments. Last month, he told me that since I won't resume the relationship, I can go to hell and said not to call him again.

I am now stuck with the burden of paying off the loan. Any ideas how to persuade Austen to fulfill his responsibility?

FEELS LIKE A SUCKER, WILKES-BARRE, PA.

DEAR FEELS: Unless his name is on the loan document, the financial responsibility is all yours. Consider what happened to be very expensive tuition in the school of experience. I'll bet you don't make that mistake again.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 33-year-old mother of two. I have been in a relationship with a married 41-year-old man for four years.

About a year and a half ago, he filed for divorce and had her served with the papers. She signed them, but she signed in the wrong spot. He went back to his lawyer's office and got new papers for her to sign, but for some reason he has not pursued it.

The lawyer's office finally sent a letter saying that they're going to dismiss the case if he doesn't come back and file to have her served by the constable. I told him I would give him the \$350 but he hasn't taken me up on my offer. What do you think I should do?

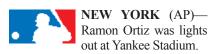
SICK AND TIRED OF BEING SICK AND TIRED

DEAR S AND T: For openers, forget about marrying him. He's still married. The problem isn't that the man has a lack of money; what he lacks is motivation.

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Anaheim's Ortiz shuts down Yankees



With the main scoreboards blackened by a power problem, Ortiz pitched four-hit ball for eight stellar innings and led the Anaheim Angels over the New York Yankees 5-0 Friday night.

Adam Kennedy and Garret Anderson homered and Anaheim took advantage of left fielder Hideki Matsui's error to win its third in a row. The playoff-contending Angels won for the eighth time in nine road games.

Right after Matsui misplayed the fly ball in the seventh inning, the power on all scoreboards went out, and the public-address and sound effects system went silent. But the stadium lights stayed on, and the game continued without a delay.

There was no immediate word on what caused the outage, which lasted until the end of the game. The problem also took the Yankees' YES Network broadcast off the air.

Ortiz (4-7) won for the first time since June 19, a span of seven starts. Jon Lieber (9-8) gave up a lot of hits early, yet was hurt only by Kennedy's solo home run in the second.

Tigers 8, Mariners 3

In Detroit, Craig Monroe went 4-for-5 with a tiebreaking homer, and Nate Robertson pitched seven solid innings in the Tigers' win.

Robertson (10-7) allowed two runs, six hits, struck out four and didn't walk a batter. Esteban Yan gave up Edgar Martinez's RBI single in the eighth, and Jamie Walker pitched a scoreless ninth.

Seattle star Ichiro Suzuki was back in the lineup after leaving Wednesday night's game against Kansas City when he was hit in the head by a pitch. He went 3-for-4.

Ron Villone (4-4) allowed five runs, four earned, and eight hits in six innings.

Athletics 9, Devil Rays 5

In St. Petersburg, Florida, Eric Chavez homered twice and Bobby Crosby went 3-for-5 with a home run to break out of a lengthy slump to lead the AL West-leading Athletics.

Crosby had just three hits in 40 at-bats and stopped an 0-for-14 slide with a second-inning double. Chavez homered twice for the 11th time in his career, the second this season, and raised his season total to 23.

Adam Melhuse also homered for Oakland, which has 11 homers in the past three games.

Rich Harden (8-5) won his fifth traight decision, giving up five

runs and seven hits in 5 1-3 innings. With their fourth straight win, the A's moved a season-high 17-games over .500 at 69-52.

Three Oakland relievers combined for 3 1-3 scoreless innings, and Octavio Dotel got the last out for his 13th save in 17 chances.

Jorge Sosa (3-3) lost his third straight start, allowing six runs and seven hits in 5 1-3 innings.

Red Sox 10, White Sox 1

In Chicago, Curt Schilling allowed three hits in seven shutout innings for his 15th win and Manny Ramirez hit a grand slam for Boston.

Orlando Cabrera homered and drove in four runs for the streaking Red Sox, who won for the 10th time in 13 games and surged to 16 games over .500.

They moved within 7 1/2 games of the first-place New York Yankees in the AL East, the closest Boston has been since July 30, and remained tied with Texas for the wild-card lead.

Ramirez's 31st homer this season was the 16th slam of his career, tying Robin Ventura of the Dodgers for the most among active players.

Schilling (15-6) walked none and struck out six in a 79-pitch outing _ 60 of those were strikes. Boston jumped on Mark Buehrle (11-7) for six runs in the first two innings.

Rangers 5, Royals 3

In Kansas City, Missouri, David Dellucci hit two solo home runs and Kevin Mench had a three-run drive, powering Texas to its seventh straight win.

Ryan Drese (11-6) won his fourth straight decision, a career best, allowing three runs and five hits in sevenplus innings. Drese is 7-1 in his last eight starts, and his 3.35 ERA is third in the league behind Oakland's Tim Hudson (2.95) and Minnesota's Johan Santana (3.23).

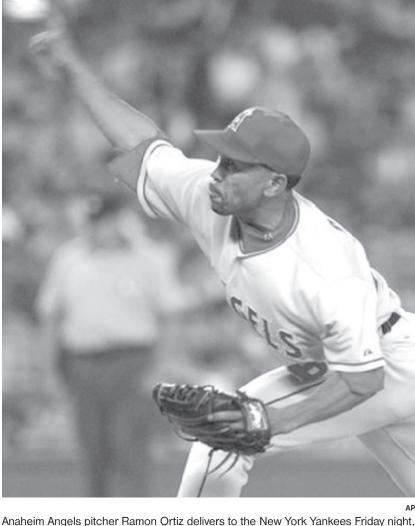
Francisco Cordero got three outs for his 38th save in 40 chances. The Rangers, who remained tied with Boston for the AL wild-card lead, are one win shy of their longest winning streak this season, set from June 18-26.

Royals rookie Mike Wood (2-5) and Jaime Cerda combined on a fourhitter. Wood gave up five runs and four hits-three of them homers-in 7 1-3 innings.

Twins 5, Indians 1

In Minneapolis, Kyle Lohse pitched three-hit ball for seven innings and Corey Koskie homered for lead Minnesota.

The Twins moved five games ahead



August 20, 2004 at Yankee Stadium in New York.

of second-place Cleveland in the AL Central by sending the Indians to their fifth straight loss. Minnesota has won four of five during that span.

Lohse (6-10) walked one and struck out four against the second-highest scoring team in the majors. He has struggled for most of the season, particularly against the Indians-he entered 0-3 with a 10.20 ERA against them this year.

Jake Westbrook (11-6) gave up eight hits and five runs in 6 2-3 innings, losing for the first time since July 15.

Blue Jays 14, Orioles 4

In Baltimore, Chris Woodward hit his first career grand slam and Orlando Hudson had three hits, leading Toronto past skidding Baltimore.

Eric Hinske also homered for the last-place Blue Jays, who had lost four straight overall and six in a row on the road. Toronto improved to 3-8 under interim manager John Gibbons with its highest-scoring effort since July 1.

Woodward's first homer of the season, off Eddy Rodriguez in the ninth, capped the Blue Jays' 14-hit outburst.

Javy Lopez, David Newhan and Melvin Mora homered for Baltimore. The Orioles have lost four in a row, all at home by a combined 33-9 score.

Former Oriole Josh Towers (9-4) allowed one run and seven hits in 5 1-3 innings, improving to 7-1 in his last eight starts.

The Blue Jays chased Dave Borkowski (3-4) in the fifth.

Phillies 4, Brewers 2

In Milwaukee, Jim Thome and Bobby Abreu homered and Eric Milton pitched seven solid innings as Philadelphia ended a seven-game losing streak with a 4-2 victory over the Brewers.

Thome's 37th home run came in the ninth inning off Dave Burba, and gave the Phillies an insurance run. Tim Worrell pitched a perfect ninth for his 14th save.

Milton (13-2), whose .867 winning percentage is best in the majors, is the first Phillies' pitcher to win 13 of his first 15 decisions since Hall of Famer Steve Carlton in 1980. Milton allowed two runs on five hits, walked three and

Abreu's 27th homer, a two-run shot off Doug Davis (10-10) in the sixth, broke a 1-all tie.

Cubs 9, Astros 2

In Houston, Sammy Sosa and Nomar Garciaparra each hit one of Chicago's season-high six homers, and the Cubs ended Houston's fourgame winning streak.

Mark Grudzielanek homered twice, and Moises Alou and Corey Patterson each had two-run shots. Sosa's 567th homer moved him within six of Harmon Killebrew for seventh place on the career list.

It was the 28th homer of the season for Sosa, who also tied Mickey Mantle for 40th place on the career RBI list with 1,509.

Glendon Rusch (6-1) won for the first time since July 15, making a successful return to the rotation after working in relief for the past month. The left-hander allowed two runs and six hits in seven innings.

Pete Munro (2-5) gave up four of Chicago's six homers in his worst outing of the season.

Cardinals 5, Pirates 4, 1st game Cardinals 5, Pirates 3, 2nd game

In St. Louis, Scott Rolen became the third St. Louis player to hit 30 homers this season and Chris Carpenter set a career best with his 13th win to lead the Cardinals to a day-night doubleheader sweep.

In the opener, Dan Haren (2-2) allowed three hits over 6 2-3 innings before being optioned to Tripe A Memphis in the minor leagues.

St. Louis swept a doubleheader for the first time since Aug. 31, 2002, at Chicago and has won 13 of 17 games overall. Pittsburgh came in with four straight wins over St. Louis.

Rolen homered in the second inning of the night game, a drive off Nelson Figueroa. Rolen combined with Albert Pujols (37) and Jim Edmonds (31) to give the Cardinals three 30-homer players in one season for the first time.

Carpenter (13-5), who won 12 games with Toronto in 1998, matched his season high with nine strikeouts, allowing three runs and seven hits in seven innings.

Jason Isringhausen saved both games, giving him 35 for the season—one more than his previous career high.

Cardinals reliever Julian Tavarez was ejected from the opener after umpires conducted a lengthy inspection of his dirty, smudged cap before the

Kobe Bryant defense opposes releasing statements

EAGLE, Colo. (AP)—Defense attorneys argued that Kobe Bryant's statements to investigators after the NBA star was accused of rape last summer should be kept secret because it is not yet certain they will be used in his trial.

In the court filing, made public Thursday, the lawyers opposed a news media request to release Bryant's statements and testimony about those statements.

In separate filings, prosecutors said

they intend to introduce the statements at the trial but took no position on whether the statements should be released beforehand.

Attorneys for 12 news organizations asked District Judge Terry Ruckriegle last week to release the statements, which Bryant made to two Eagle County sheriff's deputies on July 1, 2003, the night after the alleged assault.

One deputy taped the interview with a recorder in his shirt pocket.

The defense had sought to bar the recording as evidence, but Ruckriegle ruled in July that some of Bryant's statements could be used at trial.

During the interview, Bryant explained why he thought his encounter with the woman was consensual, and became upset and occasionally cried, Ruckriegle said in his ruling. He said Bryant did not become "truly upset" until detectives told him they had a warrant to seize evidence and force him to submit to a hospital examination.

Attorneys for the news organizations said information that has been publicly released about the interview suggested Bryant did not say anything incriminating. That suggested that the defense wanted to keep the statement secret to protect Bryant from embarrassment, which the media attorneys argued was not a valid reason to keep the evidence sealed.

The 25-year-old Los Angeles Lakers star has pleaded not guilty to felony sexual assault. He faces four years to life in prison or 20 years to life on probation, and a fine of up to \$750,000 if convicted. Jury selection is scheduled to begin Aug. 27.

Bryant's lawyers said news organizations have no right to view or publish potential evidence until it is admitted at trial, and that Bryant's privacy and fair-trial rights outweigh the media's First Amendment rights of access to criminal justice records.

News organizations involved in the request include The Associated Press, ABC, CNN, CBS, the Vail Daily, The Denver Post, Fox News Channel, the Orange County (Calif.) Register, the Los Angeles Times, NBC, The New York Times and USA Today.

Schaub throws three TD's as Falcons down Vikings



chael Vick, leading the Atlanta Falcons to a 27-24 preseason victory Friday night over the Minnesota Vikings.

The rookie from Virginia completed 16 of 19 passes for 205 yards and no interceptions.

Daunte Culpepper and Gus Frerotte had long TD passes for the Vikings (1-1), who had leads of 17-0 and 24-13 before the Falcons rallied behind Schaub and the rest of the reserves.

Randy Moss caught three passes for 89 yards for Minnesota, including a 67-yarder for a score in the second quarter.

After replacing Vick midway through the second quarter, Schaub connected on his first pass, an 11-yard screen to Warrick Dunn. Schaub fooled the defense with a pump fake on the next play and lofted a perfect pass to Michael Jenkins, who sprinted down the left sideline untouched to the end zone for a 47-yard TD.

Schaub added his second TD pass early in the third quarter, finding Stanley Pritchett alone in the corner to make it 24-20, then gave the Falcons (1-1) the lead for good with a 1-yarder to Jimmy Farris.

Jaguars 14, Bucs 6

In Jacksonville, Florida, John Henderson set the tone for a dominating first half by intercepting a pass on the first play from scrimmage, and the Jaguars shrugged off early mistakes on offense and special teams to beat Tampa Bay.

Quinn Gray threw a 48-yard touchdown pass to Matthew Hatchette, and Rich Alexis ran 1 yard for another TD for Jacksonville, which missed three field goals and failed to take advantage of two turnovers deep in Bucs ter-



Atlanta Falcons' Chris Draft (54) ties up Minnesota Vikings running back Michael Bennett (23) during the

on his left knee.

By JOHN WAWROW AP SPORTS WRITER

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. (AP)—Running back Willis McGahee has asked the Buffalo Bills to trade him if he is not their starter on opening day, a source told The Associated Press on Friday.

McGahee's request was not issued as an ultimatum, but the player made clear he won't be happy playing backup to incumbent Travis Henry, said the source, who is close to McGahee, and spoke on the condition of anonymity.

Bills spokesman Scott Berchtold said, "There is no truth to that whatsoever."

Team president Tom Donahoe later denied the report, too.

"There's nothing to it," said Donahoe, who was at Philadelphia's preseason game against Baltimore on Friday night. "Willis is making progress and is very happy. We have no intention of trading him. We need them both."

McGahee was not available for comment, as the Bills were off Friday in preparation for Saturday's preseason game against Tennessee. McGahee's agent Drew Rosenhaus declined comment.

After hosting Tennessee, the Bills close their preseason with two road games in preparation for their season-opener against Jacksonville on Sept. 12.

Questions about how the two running backs can work together have been raised since the Bills selected Mc-Gahee 23rd overall in the 2003 draft.

Henry is now coming off his second consecutive 1,000-yard season while McGahee missed his entire rookie season recovering from reconstructive surgery

Bills' McGahee said to ask for trade

The former Miami star was considered a top-three pick before he was hurt in his final college game, the Hurricanes' loss to Ohio State in the national championship, the 2003 Fiesta Bowl.

Rookie coach Mike Mularkey has said that both players can work together this season, but has maintained that Henry is his starter.

That's been evident through camp, where Henry has worked exclusively with the starting unit, while McGahee has worked mostly with the second string.

McGahee has looked good so far.

In his preseason debut, he had 13 carries for 58 yards, a 9-yard reception, and scored the go-ahead touchdown from the 1, in Buffalo's 16-6 win over Denver last Sunday. McGahee also shone, scoring four touchdowns from within 2 yards, during a controlled scrimmage against Cleveland earlier this month.

While Henry and McGahee refer to themselves as friends, it has been an uneasy relationship.

Henry initially called the Bills' decision to draft McGahee a slap in the face.

He's since backed off that claim, saying the two can work together.

Henry, however, has previously said that he's not prepared to be a backup to McGahee. Henry has also said that he expects one of them to be traded after the end of this season.

Henry is signed through the 2005 season. McGahee has four years left on a contract that could potentially be worth \$15.53 million if he meets all the incentives.

first half in Atlanta on Friday, Aug. 20, 2004. ritory in the first quarter alone.

in the first half, yet only trailed Tampa Bay was limited to 7-0 at that point because of 21 yards on 19 offensive plays Jaguars' miscues.

The Bucs were held without a first down until Chris Simms completed a 15-yard pass to half of work.

Will Heller midway through the third quarter. The second-year quarterback led two scoring drives in the last 25 minutes, with Martin Gramatica finishing both with field goals of 43 and 44 yards.

Eagles 26, Ravens 17

Philadelphia, Donovan McNabb and Terrell Owens connected on an 81-yard TD pass on Philadelphia's first play, and rookie J.R. Reed returned a kickoff 88 yards for a score, leading the Eagles over Baltimore.

But the victory was costly for Philadelphia, which lost running back Correll Buckhalter after he tore the patella tendon in his right knee in the first quarter.

Will Demps returned a lateral for a TD, and quarterback Kordell Stewart ran for a score for Baltimore.

While preseason games usually attract little interest, most eyes focused on Owens and Lewis, who exchanged verbal jabs after the four-time Pro Bowl receiver spurned the Ravens, forcing a trade to the Eagles after the San Francisco 49ers initially dealt him to Baltimore.

Upset by Owens' rejection, Lewis warned the outspoken receiver not to go across the middle. Owens responded by saying Lewis isn't the hardest hitter to play in the league.

But the feud didn't live up to its hype as the players hardly crossed paths in just a

Rain shortens play at NEC Invitational

By DOUG FERGUSON

AKRON, Ohio (AP)—David Toms finished his first round Friday morning with a double bogey. By the end of another day cut short by rain at the NEC Invitational, it wasn't the worst thing that could have happened.

Dropping two shots gave him an earlier start for the second round, and Toms finished his 4under 66 just ahead of a downpour that made Firestone South unplayable and left Toms as the clubhouse leader.

He was at 5-under 135, although still three shots behind Stewart Cink.

Cink played eight holes in the morning to polish off a 7-under 63. He was at 8 under and facing a 25-foot birdie putt downstream on the 11th hole when play was suspended.

"I guess that double put me in a position to be able to finish," Toms said. "Other than my last hole this morning, I got on a roll and played solid golf all day. I just did get finished, and it got pretty nasty out there on the last hole."

The PGA Tour decided to wait until the first round was completed before issuing new tee times,

second round. It shouldn't matter by the end of the week. The forecast was for dry, cool weather the final two days.

Rory Sabbatini (through 13 holes), Rod Pampling (12 holes) and Chris DiMarco (12 holes) also were at 5 under, while Zach Johnson was another stroke back through 10 holes.

Tiger Woods looks like he'll hang onto his No. 1 ranking for at least another week - not because he's playing great, but the guys who have a chance to catch him are showing signs of a letdown following a tough week in contention at Whistling Straits.

PGA champion Vijay Singh, who only needed to finish higher than Woods at Firestone to become No. 1 for the first time in his career, twice lipped out 3-foot par putts and was 5 over for the tournament with three holes left.

Ernie Els, who finished one shot out of the PGA playoff, made two double bogeys on the back nine to finish off his first-round 72, and already was 6 over par for the second round through 15 holes.

Masters champion Phil Mickelson tied for sixth last week to cap off a marvelous

and only 24 players finished the year in the majors, and he usually plays well at Firestone. But he had a 75 on Friday and was at 5-over 145.

> "I've been in that position before where you have a mentally grueling week where you're in contention on a hard course, and the next week you almost have a blowout and find it hard to concentrate," Cink said. "I'm sure that's what those guys are having right now, because they're a lot better than 5 over and 8 over par."

> Cink has been solid for more than a month, doing well enough to get Hal Sutton's attention and become one of two captain's picks for the U.S. Ryder Cup team.

> The first two days have been a continuation, although Cink was happy with the delay.

> He started to lose a few drives into the trees and the rough, and was hanging on an even par when he chipped in for birdie on the 10th hole, the last one he completed before puddles started forming on the greens, and streams cut across the low areas on the fairways.

"This delay might actually do me some good," Cink said. "I had hit a few shots less than perfect, so maybe tomorrow morning I'll get out and recapture the magic."

Woods, a three-time winner at Firestone, hasn't been able to get much of anything going. He compounded his bogey-bogey end to Thursday evening by ending his first round Friday morning with another bogey for a 68, his highest opening round in seven appearance at Firestone.

Back-to-back birdies got him headed in the right direction, but one tee shot - some 30 yards right of the fairway on No. 4 - put him into a funk and he missed the few birdie chances he had until his day ended on the 13th hole.

"Thank God we get to go home and get some rest," Woods said. "This golf course is not going to get any easier. Guys are having a hard time making birdies out here, so we'll just try to stay patient."

Woods played with DiMarco and Jim Furyk, two guys he'll see next month at the Ryder Cup outside Detroit.

"That was 25 percent of the Ryder Cup team right there," DiMarco said. "It was nice to ask those guys questions. I hate to look ahead, because this tournament is still right there. But I'm looking forward to that."

Morganton beats Davenport in LLWS

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Davenport, Iowa's Cody Perreault, right, safely steals home as Morganton, N.C.'s Chris Fine applies a late tag during the fourth inning at the 58th Little League World Series in Volunteer Stadium in South Williamsport, Pa., Friday, Aug. 20, 2004.

By DAN LEWERENZ

ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER



SOUTH WIL-LIAMSPORT, Pa. (AP)—Center fielder

Trevor Tallent knew he'd get a chance to redeem himself after he dropped a fly ball and cost his team a run.

Talent hit a three-run homer in the second inning to put Morganton, N.C., ahead for good in a 10-4 victory over Davenport, Iowa, in Friday's opening game of the Little League World Series.

Tallent allowed the game's first home run to bounce off his glove and over the wall just a few feet from where his own homer crossed over.

"When I dropped that ball, I was really disappointed," Tallent said. "But when I hit the home run, it got my confidence back up."

In other games, Panama City, Panama, beat Ottawa, Ontario, Canada 12-2 in five innings; the game between Lincoln, R.I., and Thousand Oaks, Calif., was postponed until Tuesday because of rain.

Down 3-2 with two outs, Aaron Attaway and Chris Fine both singled to set up Tallent's go-ahead shot over the center field wall.

"It is a team game. If you make a mistake, one mistake is not going to lose the game for us," North Carolina manager Alan Lail said. "All of them just need to keep their head in the game and have fun. We were tight the first two, three innings."

when Tyler Woody stole second, then

scored on two fielding errors. But Fine padded the North Carolina lead with a two-run homer in the bottom of the fourth. Tallent scored on a wild pitch, making it 8-4 at the end of the inning. Nick Chapman and Attaway scored on a fielding error in the fifth to provide the final margin.

"From an offensive standpoint, they did a really good job hitting," Iowa manager Thomas E. Kenvon Jr. "Those home runs really hurt us."

Eli Lawson earned the win for North Carolina. Trevor Kenyon took the loss.

Iowa took a 2-0 lead in the top of the first when Jacob Gibson's fly to center field bounced off Tallent's glove and over the wall, driving in Cody Lambert.

"We were a little shaky the first inning, but pretty quickly settled in, as has happened in past games," Lail said.

North Carolina came back to tie the game in the bottom of the inning, with Attaway scoring on a bases-loaded walk and Fine coming home on a passed ball.

Iowa took its last lead in the second when Joseph Black doubled, then scored on Cody Perreault's RBI single for a 3-2 lead.

Panama 13, Canada 2, 5 innings

Alexis Martinez hit a three-run homer and gave up just one hit for Panama City, which earned the mercy rule win when Eduardo Fruto and Gonzalez hit RBI singles in the fifth. Canada had a 2-0 lead in the first after runners scored Iowa pulled within 5-4 in the fourth on a passed ball and a wild pitch.

US not only men's hoops team struggling



(AP)—Take heart, Larry Brown. Yours is not the AOHNA 2004 at an Olympic tournament that's shaping up as

basketball's most com-

pelling since the 1988 Games.

Your American hoopsters aren't the only ones struggling at the Olympics.

The defending world champions from Serbia-Montenegro have lost two of their three games, Yao Ming's teammates on the Chinese team are having trouble getting the ball past midcourt, and Angola's losing streak is at eight years and counting.

Serbia-Montenegro's losses came in the final seconds to New Zealand and Argentina. The team sure could use NBA star Peja Stojakovic, who decided against coming to the Athens Games.

"They've got their own worries, we've got ours," New Zealand's Sean

Greece Marks said after his team beat Serbia-Montenegro 90-87.

While folks in America have been sole face of frustration fretting over their team's failure against Puerto Rico and difficulties against Greece and Australia, the basketballcrazy brigades in Belgrade and Beijing have been scratching their heads over their nations' shortcomings.

Serbia-Montenegro and China are 1-2 in Group B - the more difficult of the two - and both are in danger of failing to make it out of the preliminary round. Only a lastsecond miss by Italy has kept Serbia-

Montenegro from being 0-3. "Nothing has happened with the world champions. It's just that we lost two games by a point," said Serbia-Montenegro forward Dejan Bodiroga, widely considered the best pro player in Europe. "Now we turn to further games, and we will fight until the end."

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LEAGUE BASEBALL-Suspended Colorado LHP Joe Kennedy for five games and Pittsburgh C Jason Kendall for four games and fined them each an undisclosed amount for inappropriate actions during an Aug. 15 game. BOSTON RED SOX-Activated INF Mark Bellhorn from the 15-day DL. Optioned INF Earl Snyder to

Pawtucket of the IL. TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS-Optioned OF Joey Gathright to Durham of the IL.

CINCINNATI REDS-Placed RHP Danny Graves on the 15-day DL. Recalled RHP Matt Belisle from Louisville of the IL.

NEW YORK METS-Placed INF Joe McEwing on the 60-day DL. Purchased the contract of INF Jeff Keppinger from Norfolk of the IL.

CHICAGO BULLS-Waived F Paul Shirley. PHOENIX SUNS-Signed C Steven Hunter.

NFL-Suspended New Orleans Saints LB Sedrick Hodge for four games for violating its substance

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS-Announced it has revoked its waiver claim for CB Derek Ross.

COLLEGE

ANDERSON-Named Randy Greer assistant cross country and track and field coach. Named Charlie Weir assistant athletic trainer.

COLGATE-Named Angie Zeuch women's assistant basketball coach

FRANKLIN & MARSHALL-Named Patty Epps senior associate director of athletics.

GULFORD-Named William Fickes men's tennis coach and Scott Smith men's and women's cross country coach. DREXEL-Named Dan Simmons associate ath-

letic director and Steve Koch associate director GEORGIA-Named Christa Grey women's assis-

MARYLAND-Signed Ralph Friedgen, football coach, to an eight-year contract extension through 2012. MISERICORDIA-Named Erick Hart interim co-

ordinator of athletics facilities and Albie Biggs athletics department intern. OAKLAND-Named Maureen Smith and Avesha Whitfield women's assistant basketball coaches WFSTERN KENTUCKY-Named Cypheus Bunton

WESTMINSTER-Named Scot Billey women's basketball and women's golf coach.

By The Associated Press

men's assistant basketball coach.

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BASKETBALL Women

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VOLLEYBALL

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Brazil 3, Greece 0 (25-22, 25-22, 25-11) Italy 3. Kenya 0 (25-17, 25-13, 25-14) Russia 3, United States 2 (20-25, 25-17,

SOCCER

Women

Germany 2, Nigeria 1 United States 2, Japan 1 Brazil 5. Mexico 0 Sweden 2, Australia 1

20-25, 25-18, 15-11)

SOFTBALL

Canada 1. Italy 0 United States 3 Taiwan 0 Australia 3, Greece 2 Japan 2, China 0

TEAM HANDBALL

South Korea 34 Iceland 30 Spain 41. Slovenia 28 Greece 26, Brazil 22 Hungary 30, Germany 29 Croatia 26, Russia 25 France 22, Egypt 21

WATER POLO

Women Italy 8, Kazakhstan 6 United States 8, Russia 4 Hungary 5, Canada 4 Greece 7, Australia 7, tie

FIELD HOCKEY

Australia 2, South Korea 2, tie Argentina 3, New Zealand 0 South Africa 3, Germany 0 Japan 2, Spain 1

The Week in Sports

Fiji tennis, World Series take spotlight

Photos and Text by SHAN SEMAN and BRAD RUSZALA

everal of the island's topnotch athletes are currently doing the best they can in representing the CNMI.

Doing their part on the tennis courts are young guns Kanani Ashraf, Ji Hoon Heo, Tim Quan, and Mayuko Arriola, who have been competing the past week in Lautoka, Fiji in the 2004 ITF Pacific Oceania Junior Tennis Championships.

At 11 years of age, Ashraf is the youngest of the 48 players in the tourney. However, she made her presence felt by breezing in the first two days of the competition. She won her first four matches by convincing scores, earning a slot in the semifinals. Latest news indicated that Ashraf was battling for third place in the girl's 14-and-under category.

For their part, Arriola and Quan bounced back after tough setbacks and both have shots

at finishing seventh in their respective divisions after winning two of their five matches in the regular round. Arriola joins Ashraf in the girl's 14-and-under while Quan saw action in the boy's 18-and-under division.

Heo, on the other hand, made a solid debut and finished the regular round with a respectable 2-2 record.

Also seeing action on outside grounds are the CNMI Junior and Senior League All Stars. The Senior boys took the field in Bangor, Maine and bounced back from two earlier losses to beat Bangor Westside/East Little League All Stars and followed it up by defeating previously unbeaten Dade City Little League All Stars to finish with a 2-2 record.

Congratulations are in order for Jesse Borja, Shane Yamada, Jesus Iguel, Vince Sablan, Martin Pangelinan, Josh Arriola, Joe Salas, Thorn Sablan, Ryan Ada, Jonathan Salas, Kevin Babauta, Nicolas San Nicolas, Nunu Kapileo, Juan Tenorio, manager Sonny Flores, coaches Tony Celis and Ray Sablan of the Junior League.

Congratulations are also in order for Oliver Secharmidal, Antoine Allen, Tony Palacios, Franco Flores, Ben Taisakan, Tyrone Omar, Dan Concepcion, Jeff Saures, Zachary Concepcion, Derrick Babauta, Jesse Garcia, Thomas Guerrero, Many Ada, and Peter Tenorio, Manger Jess Wabol, of the Senior League.

On-island highlights include Visminda-Country House, RP Cabalen-Transamerica/EC COMM, and SIP-Verizon earning semifinal berths in the 2004 UFO-San Miguel Cup; Jollibee and Country House bagging semifinal tickets in the Inter Restaurant Basketball League—joining pennant champion Cappricciosa; and Josh Sablan and Dan Barcinas taking leadership roles in individual categories in the Saipan Rotary Summer Youth Basketball League.



Cameron Sers Nicolas and Justin Alexander of the Saipan Little League All-Stars answer what it is that they will be shooting for in Williamsport, PA.

Nunu Kapileo and Joseph
Salas pause to
answer a couple
of questions and
a quick photo
before they left
for Taylor, MI last
week.





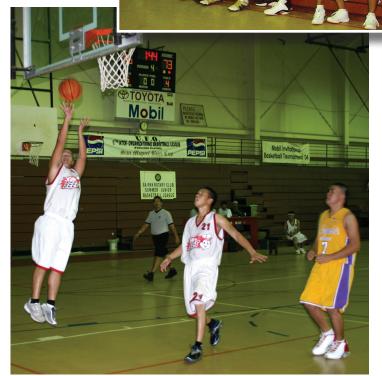
R-Jay Joe gets all of his travel information checked by his biggest fan before leaving for the Little League World Series.

Birthday boy
Donovan George
poses for the
camera with his
mother at the
Saipan International Airport.
Donovan 's
birthday lasted
for two days
when he flew to
Williamsport,
PA as a new
13-year old.



Andres Estolas of FASA-CNC Inc. drive baseline for a lay up against Visminda-Country House in the 2004 UFO-San Miguel Cup Sunday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium. Visminda won, 106-100.

Visminda-Country
House cagers
concentrate on
the action on
the floor against
FASA-CNC Inc.
in the 2004 UFOSan Miguel Cup
last Sunday.



Nestor De Vera of El Segundo goes up for a lay-up against Jollibee during the Inter Restaurant Basketball League Thursday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

A member of Jollibee takes a short range jumper in last Thursday's Inter Restaurant Basketball League bout against El Segundo. Jollibee won, 76-63.



Eleven-year-old Kanani Ashraf put up a strong effort at the 2004 ITF Pacific

Morganton beats Davenport in LLWS



Center fielder Trevor Tallent knew he'd get a chance to redeem himself after he dropped a fly ball and cost his team a run.

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Anaheim's Ortiz shuts down Yankees

With the main scoreboards blackened by a power problem, Ortiz pitched fourhit ball for eight stellar innings and led the Anaheim Angels over the New York Yankees 5-0 Friday night.

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SAIPAN TRIBUNE



Michael Phelps, of the United States, congratulates compatriot Ian Crocker afer finishing first and second in the 100-meter but-terfly at the Olympic Aquatic Centre during the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, Friday, Aug. 20, 2004. Phelps set a new Olympic record at 51.25.

Phelps becomes pre-eminent athlete at Games

By DENNIS PASSA

ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

ichael Phelps is done at the Athens Olympics—after seven days and seven medals. And he could get one more without even jumping into the pool.

The American swimmer won his fifth gold medal Friday—and seventh overall—in the 100-meter butterfly to establish himself as one of the greatest swimmers of all time. And he's only 19.

"I think it will be the most beautiful week of my life," said Phelps, who also has two bronze medals.

Phelps has nearly a third of the

American total of 17 golds that has helped the United States edge two ahead of China in a two-country duel for medal supremacy after seven competition days.

"He's a great champion," said International Olympic Committee president Jacques Rogge, who watched Phelps' victory from a front-row seat at the Olympic aquatic center. "Definitely, he is going to be one of Frid

the icons of the games."

The Americans have 40 medals, including 12 silvers and 11 bronze—while China is four behind overall.

Phelps could get his eighth medal Saturday on the final night at the pool in the medley relay.

After swimming 14 races in seven days, he told U.S. men's coach Eddie Reese that he wanted to give up his spot on the butterfly leg of the 4x100-meter medley relay team to Ian

Crocker.

Phelps, who already swam in the morning preliminaries on the medley relay, earned a right to swim the final by beating Crocker in the 100 butterfly

Friday night. But shortly after receiving his gold medal, Phelps said he would give up the coveted spot in the final to Crocker.

"We came into this meet as a team and we're going to leave it as a team," Phelps said. "It's the right thing to do." The Americans have never lost a team—whether it's the preliminaries or final—receives a medal.

Another medal would allow Phelps to match the record of eight set by Russian gymnast Aleksandr Dityatin at the boycotted 1980 Moscow Games. Phelps failed in his quest to surpass swimmer Mark Spitz's gold medal haul

medley relay at the Olympics and are an

overwhelming favorite to win gold again. And Phelps could get a medal if the U.S. medley relay team wins, because any swimmer who's part of a top-three relay

mark of four individual golds.

Japan won three golds Friday—judokas Keiji Suzuki in the men's 100-kilogram plus and Maki Tsukada in the women's 78-kg plus and swimmer Ai Shibata of Japan in the 800-meter freestyle—and moved up to third in the gold medal standings with 12.

of seven at the 1972 Munich Games,

although he's now equaled Spitz's

Doping was back in the spotlight Friday, with news that Greek weightlifter Leonidas Sampanis, a bronze medalist here, tested positive for drugs in an initial sample, a source close to the case told The Associated Press.

A backup sample is being tested to determine whether the initial findings are accurate.

A female Indian weightlifter and a woman shot putter from Uzbekistan were expelled from the games, the International Olympic Committee

said. India's Sanamacha Chanu and Uzbekistan's Olga Shchukina were disqualified by the IOC executive board.

Five weightlifters were suspended Wednesday for failing tests.

About 500 meters from the pool, the athletics competition began Friday at the Olympic stadium. Kenenisa Bekele, sprinting the final lap of the 10,000 meters, ended the reign of fellow Ethiopian Haile Gebrselassie with an Olympic-record winning time of 27 minutes, 05.10 seconds.

Bekele broke away from another compatriot, Sileshi Sihine, with a little more than a lap to go. Gebrselassie, 31 and suffering from an Achilles injury, had won the last two Olympic 10,000 races. He finished fifth in what was probably the final track appearance of his glorious career.

Earlier, Ivano Brugnetti of Italy pulled ahead with 2 kilometers to go in the men's 20-kilometer walk to win the gold medal, his country's fifth.

Weightlifter Pawina Thongsuk med gave Thailand its third gold medal with a win in the 75-kilogram class. Cylist Anna Meares of Australia won gold in the 500-meter track time trial with a world-record time of 33.952 seconds while Chris Hoy of Britain won the same event over 1,000 meters.

In tennis, unseeded American Mardy Fish came back for a 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 semifinal victory Friday over No. 16 Fernando Gonzalez of Chile, who upset Andy Roddick in the third round. In Sunday's final, Fish will play No. 10 Nicolas Massu, who defeated Taylor Dent 7-6 (5), 6-1 in

OLYMPIC MEDAL TALLY

Country	G	S	В	Total
United States	17	12	11	40
China	15	11	10	36
Russia	5	11	12	28
Australia	9	5	8	22
Germany	6	6	9	21

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another U.S.-Chile match.

In women's semifinals, No. 1 Justine Henin-Hardenne of Belgium rallied from a 5-1 deficit in the third set to beat No. 3 Anastasia Myskina of Russia 7-5, 5-7, 8-6 in a nearly three-hour match between the past two French Open champions.

While dressage began its preliminary phase at the equestrian complex at suburban Markopoulo—Germany took an early lead—officials from three countries took their case for a change in the result of the three-day event to the Court of Arbitration for Sport.

France, Britain and the United States lodged a joint appeal Friday with the court against the decision that gave Germany the gold medal in team event.

Germany's riders won the gold medal Wednesday but not before losing it, and then winning it back, in a bizarre flurry of judging decisions and reversals. Initially, the judges gave Germany the gold and France the silver, while Britain took bronze.



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America's Mardy Fish celebrates after beating Chile's Fernando Gonzalez in the semi-final Olympic 2004 games match at the tennis complex in Athens Friday Aug 20, 2004. Fish won 3-6 6-3 6-4 guaranteeing him a gold or silver medal for men's singles.

A decision is expected Saturday.

And Greek's state drug agency searched an office and warehouse belonging to the coach of two disgraced Greek sprinters as an investigation into a missed drug test expanded to include wider allegations of doping.

The search came as a senior prosecutor began an investigation into whether sprinters Kostas Kenteris and Katerina Thanou tried to avoid a doping test by staging a motorcycle accident on Aug. 12—one day before the opening ceremony.